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DEPARTMENT OF MINES

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vey, and all that relates to and pertains to the same, is hereby transferred from the jurisdiction of the Interior Department to the jurisdiction and supervision of the Department of Mines and Mining, to remain henceforth under the jurisdiction of the latter; and the Director of the Geological Survey is hereby made the director of said bureau.

Sec. 5. That the Secretary of Mines and Mining shall annually make a report in writing to Congress, which shall contain an account of all monies received and expended by him in promoting and facilitating the development of American mines, mineral resources, and mining industries, and such recommendations as he shall deem necessary to the further development of the same. He shall also make special investigations, and reports on particular subjects whenever required to do so by either the President, the Senate, or the House of Representatives.

Sec. 6. That the Secretary of Mines and Mining shall have charge in the buildings or premises occupied by or appropriated to the Department of Mines and Mining, of the library, furniture, fixtures, records and other property pertaining to it, or hereafter acquired for use in its business; and he shall be allowed to expend for periodicals and the purposes of the library, and for the rental of appropriate quarters for the accommodation of the Department of Mines and Mining within the District of Columbia, and for all other incidental expenses such sums as Congress may provide from time to time: Provided, however, That where any bureau proposed to be transferred to the Department of

Mines and Mining by this Act is occupying rented buildings or premises they may still continue to do so until other suitable quarters are provided for their use: And provided further, That all officers, clerks, and employees now employed in any of the bureaus, offices, departments or branches of the public service in this Act transferred to the Department of Mines and Mining are each and all hereby transferred to said Department at their present grades and salaries, except where otherwise provided in this Act, until otherwise provided by law: And provided further, That all laws prescribing the work and defining the duties of the several bureaus, offices, departments, or branches of the public service by this Act transferred to and made a part of the Department of Mines and Mining shall so far as the same are not in conflict with the provision of this Act, remain in full force and effect until otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 7. That the jurisdiction, supervision, and management and control of mines and mining lands and mining industries now vested in the Interior Department are hereby transferred to and vested in the Department of Mines and Mining.

DENIES A PURCHASE BY 'FRISCO SYSTEM

B. F. Yoakum Says Line Will Not Be Extended to Atlantic Coast.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—B. F. Yoakum, the executive head of the Rock Island and Frisco systems, who arrived from Chicago last night, denied today the recent report that the Frisco is seeking an outlet to the South Atlantic seaboard. The Frisco has not purchased or contemplated purchasing any line from Birmingham to the gulf, he said.

GOES TO PRISON.

Washington, Dec. 30.—W. A. G. Crawford, convicted of conspiring with August W. Machen and Geo. E. Lorez to defraud the U. S. in connection with contracts for supplying the post of the department with letter carrier's satchels, was today sentenced to imprisonment for two years.

New York, Dec. 29.—"We shall conclude our public hearing on Saturday, Dec. 30, but adjournment will find us without picks in the air."

This is the forecast made by Senator Armstrong, chairman of the legislative insurance investigating committee.

THREE REASONS

Why you should have your eyes fitted with glasses by Dr. Cassidy: I guarantee my work to be perfect; I am always here to "make good;" I will charge you less than the traveling spectacle peddlers. Rooms 3 and 3, Postoffice building.

ANNIVERSARY OF THEATRE HORROR

Iroquois Fire, Fatal To 600 Occurred Two Years Ago Yesterday

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Two years ago today the Iroquois Theater was destroyed by fire and nearly six hundred lives, mostly women and children, were lost in the holocaust. The day is observed here generally and flags are at half mast everywhere. Many of the churches held special memorial services this morning and some of the Protestant churches will hold special services this evening.

The graves of the hundreds of victims of the disaster in the various cemeteries were decorated with flowers and other floral offerings. The graves of the unidentified victims were also decorated.

The fire at the Iroquois was the most appalling disaster that ever visited this city, and will long be remembered by hundreds of families who lost one or more of their members in the catastrophe. The fire originated on the stage of the theater during the matinee performance of December 30, 1903, at a time when every part of the house was crowded with the usual holiday crowds of women and children. The theater was practically new, having been opened only a few weeks previous to the fire.

The attraction was "Bluebeard," which had been running there since the opening night. It is believed that sparks from one of the spot lights stationed on the sides of the stage ignited some of the flimsy pieces of scenery in the wings and in a few moments the blaze spread upwards toward the flies. Some of the actors and employees tried to beat out the flames, but did not succeed, and the signal was given to drop the fireproof curtain. Owing to the fact that a rope with which the aerial ballet was manipulated had been so fastened that it obstructed the movement of the curtain, the latter could not be lowered for some time. When it was finally released the fire had made such progress on the stage that the employees became panic-stricken and opened the large double door in the rear of the stage and leading to the court behind the theater, through which the scenery was brought into and out of the theater. The terrific draft caused the "fireproof" curtain, a flimsy and thin affair, to bulge out into the house, and in a few moments it tore and fell and immense volumes of smoke and flame poured into the auditorium.

At that time most of the seats in the house had been emptied by the panic-stricken spectators, and they were crowding through the few doors as fast as they could. When the smoke and flames poured into the auditorium, sweeping the whole interior, hundreds were overcome. They fell in heaps right at the exits and were suffocated by the smoke and heat. Those on top of the pile were scorched beyond recognition. The situation was greatly aggravated by the fact that the ushers, thinking only of their own safety, had fled for their lives, without stopping long enough to unlock and unbolt the safety exits provided for on every floor. The spectators, finding the safety exits bolted and locked, were compelled to make their exit through the main exits on the Randolph street side. While crowded around these exits during the jam they were overpowered by the smoke and flames and perished. Only a few escaped over the fire escape, which they reached from the balcony. The fire was soon under control. At first it was not thought that the loss of life had been great, and the full extent of the disaster was not realized until the firemen reached the upper floors of the house, where they found the dead piled up six or eight high, all headed for the exits and those on top terribly burned.

The scenes which followed beggar description. The police department took charge of the removal of the hundreds of bodies and they were taken to the various morgues and undertaking establishments, where they were laid in rows on the bare floors to await identification. Many of the bodies were so terribly burned that recognition was impossible. Many of the bodies were not identified until several months after the catastrophe, and a large number of them were never identified.

The case was investigated by the coroner and the blame fixed upon the owners and builders of the house, the building department and some of the employees of the theater. Since then hundreds of suits for damages injuries received during the fire have been filed against the proprietors.

New music for the masquerade ball New Year's night. Prizes given for best sustained characters. A good time is assured.

A New Bridge.—Road Overseer Andy Scott has recently caused a new bridge to be built across the channel of the Sulphur Springs valley, in the vicinity of the 4-Bar ranch. The new bridge will be completed in a few days and will cost in the neighborhood of \$350. This is the second bridge built by Mr. Scott during the present year across the Sulphur Springs valley channel, the first being located three miles northwest of Douglas, near the ranch of Frank Ramsey costing \$375. All the money for these improvements was collected from road tax payers by Mr. Scott.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC PROPOSED ROUTES

Surveying Party Now Going Over New One Out Of Douglas

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The Southern Pacific surveying party in charge of W. F. Nichols, which has been getting a surveying and camping outfit across the line at Agua Prieta for several days, is now encamped at Agua Prieta and will survey one of three concessions granted to the Southern Pacific by the Mexican government. Last year such a survey was made for a Southern Pacific extension to Cananea from this point, and the general opinion now seems to be that the party will complete a practical survey for a road over that route. If this is done the extension from Pearce will be finished to Douglas in order to connect with the main line of the road.

Another route would be the concession running east and southeast from Agua Prieta to Casas Grande, in the Sierra Madre mountains, tapping the big timber region and the mining districts of that range. This would also involve the completion of the road from Pearce to Douglas and Agua Prieta in order to make connection with the main line.

Another concession which may be now surveyed for the proposed road would be from Guaymas up to Yagor river to San Bernardino, which would merely be bending the route from east and southeast beyond the Sierra Madre to the south and a thence to the west of these mountains.

None of these propositions leave Douglas out, and all will benefit by one or all of them if any are put through.

Nothing definite can be learned from Mr. Nichols. He won't talk, but he will survey, and that is more to the purpose.

BIG SALE OF STATE LANDS

Minnesota Official Preparing to Dispose of 75,000 Acres in Aitkin County.

Aitkin, Minn., Dec. 28.—The sale of state lands in Aitkin county next April is to be the biggest sale of its kind ever held, according to a statement made by Immigration Commissioner Warner. A total of 75,000 acres will be disposed of.

Yuma, Dec. 28.—Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock those in speaking distance of the Modest Block on North Main street saw Henry Wupperman, a well known local attorney, go into W. J. Lyons' saloon armed with a shotgun. A few minutes later he came forth propelled by a couple of strong men, who handled him so vigorously that he failed to stop until he landed on all fours in a sand pile a few feet out in the street. As he came out the door Mr. Lyons, proprietor of the place, wrenched the shotgun away from him and extracted the cartridges.

The trouble was the outcome of a quarrel between the two men which took place on the street the preceding day. A law suit between Sullivan and A. H. Cargill, in which Cargill sued for the amount of a bill and Sullivan brought a counter charge, was the foundation of the ill feeling. In this suit Wupperman represented Mr. Cargill. Sullivan won the suit in the Justice Court and the decision was reversed.

CLEVELAND OFFERED POSITION OF HEAD OF PEACE CONFERENCE DELEGATION.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Joseph H. Choate, who recently was succeeded at the court of St. James as United States ambassador by Whitelaw Reid, in all likelihood will be named by President Roosevelt as chairman of the American delegation to the second Hague peace conference.

This selection virtually was decided upon by the president yesterday. The president has not yet decided on the other members of the delegation, though he is considering various names of distinguished Americans. It is understood that he desired that former president Cleveland should head the delegation, but Mr. Cleveland, when sounded on the subject, expressed a disinclination to undertake the work.

MINING APPLICATION NO. 40, United States Land Office, Phoenix, Arizona, November 7, 1905. Notice is hereby given that Lake Superior and Pittsburg Mining Company, by its Attorney in Fact, S. A. Parnall, of Bisbee, Arizona, has made application for a patent for the Palmer lode, Survey No. 1594, in the Warren Mining District, Cochise County, approximately in Township 23 South Range 24 East, G & S R B A H unsurveyed, described as follows: Beginning at cor. No. 1, whence U. S. M. M. No. 3 hrs. S. 22 degs. 36 mins. W. 454 ft. Thence N. 01 degs. 18 mins. W. 293.8 ft. to cor. No. 2. Thence N. 23 degs. 02 mins. E. 324.2 ft. to cor. No. 3. Thence S. 01 degs. 18 mins. E. 2.0 ft. to cor. No. 4. Thence S. 11 degs. 31 mins. W. 662.2 ft. to cor. No. 1. The place of beginning. Total area, 0.454 acres, less area in conflict with Unknown No. 1 lode, 0.003 acres. Net area, 0.451 acres. The area in conflict being expressly excluded from this application. The location notice is recorded in Book 20, Records of Mines, Cochise County, page 344. Adjoining claims are Gibraltar on the North, Unknown No. 1 on the East, Sunnyside on the West and Granville on the South.

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GASOLINE EXPLOSION.

Those Present Extinguished the Fire, Though Some Were Singed.

A gasoline explosion at the Swim saun Friday afternoon caused considerable excitement. A number were in the place at the time, some of them getting their eyebrows singed off and hair burned. Considerable damage was done to the bar fixtures and furniture, although the French plate mirror was not damaged. Through the efforts of those who were present the fire was extinguished.

Gave Employer Present—The employees of the Lowell Commercial company have presented W. A. Lucas, proprietor of the company, with an elegant traveling case. This present was made in recognition of the good treatment extended the employees. The present was a surprise to Mr. Lucas.

NEW YEAR'S MYSTERY SUPPER.

The Epworth League will serve a supper Monday night at the Methodist Church, 6 to 9. Service a la carte. Public invited.

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